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MIKOYAN LEAVES HAVANA FOR NEW YORK

Cuban Sendoff

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(Text) Havana--Revolutionary Cuba gave a hearty sendoff on 26 November to Anastas Mikoyan, first vice chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers. The Soviet guest was seen off at Havana's Jose Marti Airport by President Osvaldo Dorticos, Prime Minister of the Revolutionary Government Fidel Castro, First Deputy Premier and Minister of the Revolutionary Armed Forces Saul Castro, members of the government and the national leadership of the Integrated Revolutionary Organizations, and numerous representatives of Cuban revolutionary and public organizations.

Anastas Mikoyan was also seen off by A.I. Alekseyev, ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the USSR to Cuba, officials of the Soviet Embassy and other Soviet organizations in Cuba, and heads of diplomatic missions of foreign countries.

Message From Plane

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(Text) Havana--Leaving Cuban soil, First Deputy Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers Anastas I. Mikoyan sent the following radiogram to Cuban leaders from his IL-18 plane:

President of the Republic of Cuba, Comrade Osvaldo Dorticos Torralba; Premier and general secretary of the Integrated Revolutionary Organizations of Cuba, Comrade Fidel Castro Ruz.

Dear comrades:

Leaving your heroic country where we found truly fraternal hospitality and understanding, I want to express once more our gratitude and wish the free-thinking and independent people of Cuba a successful advance along the road of socialism they have chosen.

Our comradesly exchange of opinions on problems of the present-day international situation took place in an atmosphere of sincerity, trust, and inviolability of the bonds of friendship between our parties, the governments of the Soviet Union and revolutionary Cuba, between our peoples.

This friendship is based on the great principles of Marxism-Leninism, on our common aims, on fraternal solidarity and internationalism. The Cuban people are fully resolved to defend their just cause, to defend the sovereignty and independence of their homeland from encroachments. They are full of enthusiasm to multiply the gains of the revolution in peaceful labor. In this noble struggle they have the full support of the Soviet Union, of the fraternal family of the socialist countries and all progressive humanity. Allow me to convey through you warm greetings and wishes of success and happiness to your companions-in-arms, to all our Cuban friends.

Signed: A.I. Mikoyan, 26 November 1962.

Remarks at Idlewild

Moscow TASS in English to Europe 0627 GMT 27 November 1962--L

(Text) New York--First Deputy Chairman Mikoyan of the USSR Council of Ministers arrived here on 26 November on his way from Havana. At Idlewild Airport, Mikoyan told journalists that in Havana he met with his old friends, the leaders of revolutionary Cuba, Fidel Castro and his comrades in arms, visited many places, and met with the people. Mikoyan noted the tremendous progress achieved by Cuba in the two and a half years that have passed since his last trip to the country.

I am very pleased with this trip, Mikoyan said. The leaders of the Cuban Government told me that they too are satisfied. The Cubans and their leaders are wonderful people and I would advise you to set up good relations with them. Now that agreement has been reached between the chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers N.S. Khrushchev and President Kennedy, there are favorable conditions for this.

Replying to questions, A.I. Mikoyan said that the Soviet Union supports the five-point program advanced by Cuba because it is just. Ask your own experts in international law and they will confirm the justness of these demands, he said.

Dinner With U Thant

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(Text) New York--A.I. Mikoyan, first deputy chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers, who is in New York, visited the United Nations yesterday and had a talk with Acting Secretary General U Thant.